

Squaxin Island Tribe Shrimp Regulation # 2024-01

The following regulation is promulgated by the Squaxin Island Tribe. This fishery shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Federal district court order U.S v Washington CV9213 Subproceeding 89-3.

DATE ADOPTED: April 15, 2024

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 18, 2024

CLOSING DATE: September 15th, 2024

CATCH AREAS: Shellfish catch reporting area 28B, 28C, 28D, and 28A

DATES/TIMES: April 16, 2024 through September 15, 2024 from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

FISHERY TYPE: Subsistence

SPECIES: Shrimp (*Pandalus spp.*)

ESTIMATED HARVEST: No more than 150 pounds for Spot Shrimp
No more than 1,000 pounds for non-spot Shrimp

LEGAL GEAR: Shrimp pots only with a mesh size of 1 inch or greater.


- Mesh size of 1 inch is defined as a mesh opening that a 7/8 inch square peg will pass through, excluding the entrance tunnels, except for flexible (web) mesh pots where the mesh must be a minimum of 1 3/4 inch stretch measure. Stretch measure will be defined as the distance between the inside of one knot to the outside of the opposite vertical knot of one mesh, when the mesh is stretched vertically.
- All pot gear must be equipped with biodegradable escape mechanisms that include at least one of the following methods:
 - Attachment of pot lid hooks or tie-down straps with a single strand or loop of untreated cotton twine no larger than thread size 100 so that the pot lid will open freely if the twine or fiber is broken.
 - An opening in the pot mesh not less than three inches by five inches which is laced or sewn closed with untreated cotton twine no larger than thread size 100. The opening must be located within the top half of the pot and be unimpeded by the entry tunnels, bait boxes, or any other structures or materials.
- Each pot or string of pots (longline) must be attached to a surface buoy that is capable of floating a 5-pound weight and that will remain floating on the water's surface except during extreme tidal conditions. Buoys attached to gear used for fishing can be any color or color combination except half red and half white or yellow. Buoys shall be conspicuously marked with the harvesters fishing identification number preceded by the letters SXN.

CATCH REPORTING:


- **Prior to shrimp fishing all fishers must obtain a subsistence permit from the Natural Resources Office. Failure to report catch is a violation of this regulation.**
- Harvesters must be in possession of a valid subsistence permit to participate in this fishery.

JUSTIFICATION: Harvest available shrimp resource.

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